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Dear Scott, 4/2/97

It is a nice, bright painting and we particularly appreciate that you did it as a birthday present for both of us. As you realize, with this a glass house we have little wall space but if Lil can figure where she'd like it that is where it will be. The first one is hung, thanks.

Your birthday was my father's birthday.

Thanks for the clippings. The Dorman propaganda is not any new peek at any Oswald interview and I do not believe Hosty's story about those notes. I believe he wrote them out from the nothing in his typed report just for use in his book, Besides which he published them in facsimile in his crappy dishonest book.

ARRB will do anything to make it appear that it is bringing what is new to light when it is not bringing anything at all about the assassination to light.

If the blacks and the King family in particular had not taken the opposite view 30 years ago there would have been a trial then. The SCLC agreed with the deal the DJ came up with to avoid the trial it could not but lose.

Their explanation/justification is that they, King in particular, did not believe in capital punishment. Which then was not at all likely.

Sounds like your house repairs will take much time and effort, particularly a new roof.

I used to enjoy that kind of work. Put a temporary roof on the first floor of our two-storey hen house when the green lumber was frozen together and I had to use wedges to separate the boards. I put a tarpaper roof on and had to keep the tar on a hotplate to keep it liquid enough to use! After the got the roof on the second floor the roof on the first floor, which was flat, kept the concrete floor I poured for the second floor from leaking through.

I wonder often what the county/state did with all that concrete when they destroyed the (seven) buildings and put the farm into a park that returned to nature.

In some places the concrete was 3 feet deep!. I helped the contractor who was building the road now I270 and in return he sent his extra concrete to me. When I did not expect it it ~~became~~ became fill material. When I did expect it of course I was prepared to smooth it.

And it almost always came at dusk, when their day ended.

Thanks and best,

Harold